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Council,

Following up on last night's discussion of the disposable plastic bag bill, I have done some additional research. My agenda comments were incorrect. The language in the 2016 bill (PG 404) related to the fee is the same language as prior years. I apologize for the error. I was confusing the local bills with the statewide bills which do specify a customer fee.

I checked these disposable plastic bag bills going back to 2011. The language in the legislation has always been that "the County may impose, by law, a fee on a store". These local bills are enabling so Prince George's County would still have to pass a law in order to implement the fee. In 2011, 2012 & 2013 the bills did not specify a fee amount. In 2014, 2015 & 2016, language was added that the fee "may not exceed 5 cents".

The City has supported this legislation since it was first introduced in 2011. I will follow-up with Senator Pinsky's office regarding some of the other questions raised last night.

The statewide plastic bag bills which the City also supported in 2013, 2014 & 2015 contained language about a fee which the store charges to the customer. These bills specify if the store is able to retain a portion of that fee and how the fee that the State collects is used (i.e., community cleanup, stormwater control, etc.).

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